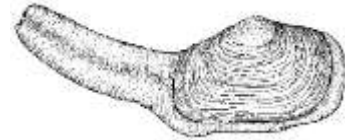

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today, the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following area will be open to the commercial harvesting of geoduck clams for live sale from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 18, Thursday, September 19, and Friday, September 20, 2013, **with a 500 pound limit per diver for the entire period:**

Symonds Bay (Subdistrict 113-31-002): will be open for a remaining harvest level of 4,500 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

The following area will be open to the commercial harvesting of geoduck clams for live sale from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 18, Thursday, September 19, and Friday, September 20, 2013, **with a 200 pound limit per diver for the entire period:**

Taigud and Kolosh Islands Area (Subdistricts 113-31-004, 113-41-004): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 1,900 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Descriptions of the above areas can be found in the News Release dated August 28, 2013.

Geoduck divers are advised to review 5 AAC 38.142. SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN in the 2012-2015 Commercial Shellfish Fishing Regulations booklet.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest. All geoduck clams harvested during a commercial fishery must be recorded on a fish ticket and are counted towards the harvest limits listed above. Pounds of geoduck clams harvested over the harvest limits are considered property of the State and may not be retained as personal use.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules the department must receive timely information about the daily harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoducks with an estimate of pounds harvested. **All companies buying geoduck clams are asked to call the Sitka office between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2013, with a harvest estimate by area.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1513.

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